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G. A. R. Stuff

By Capt. A. C. Townsend

"LINCOLN was a great man," suddenly said the old Timer. Charlie Myers pointed an accusing finger at him. "You have been reading again! Don't deny it."

"A little," confessed the Old Timer, "but mostly the big letters. That won't hurt a feller. Even if it does, you try it some time. Might help you to dig up some stamps."

"I suppose there's a connection somewhere, but darned if I can see it," said one of the gang. "We were talking of Cuban stamps and you come out with that original remark about Lincoln being a great man. Trace it back and show us the connection, will you?"

"Sure I will. When General Wood was in charge in Cuba after the war there was quite a scandal in the post office there and a couple of officials got arrested for wrong doing. The General hated anything like that, so when it came time for the Americans to pull out he had a committee of army officials check up all the surcharged stamps with the records, and then made the whole committee escort those stamps out to the dump and check 'em again as they were burnt up."

"Yet you look at the catalog price of the 5 and 10c surcharged dues. They list unused at 18 and 20c and have been that way for years, while the 1 and 2c are listed at 50 and 75c. Some of those stamps sure stuck to somebody's fingers in spite of all the General's precautions."

"Shut up, Myers; I'm coming down the road. Well, that made me think of the old G. A. R. boys, and then I got to an item I read two weeks ago about an old Post down state that was disbanding—only 3 of 'em left—and how they were going to sell all their old relics at auction—and there you are."

"I saw that item," said one of the boys, and two or three others nodded to indicate that they had also.

"Did you?" smiled the Old Timer. "And what did you do about it? Just nothing at all, I'll bet. Never let your imagination get to work on it. You poor, forlorn bunch of yearlings! I wonder why I waste time trying to teach you anything about stamp hunting."

"I started to write a letter to one of those old chaps," said Myers, "but I never get any results from such letters."

"And you never will," promptly declared the Old Timer. "Like I've told you, old folks will always swear they haven't any old letters or any stamps. You have got to go after 'em personally, and then get 'em interested."

"You win," smiled Myers. "We will all consider ourselves stepped on and squashed down into the dust. Now tell us what YOU did."

"Oh, well," the Old Timer said, "you ain't too much to blame. You haven't had the experience and you ain't foot-loose like I am, so don't blame yourselves too much."

"First place, I went over on Michigan Ave. to a couple of antique shops and nosed around till I got a general idea of the value of old guns and war relics generally. Then I put some nice Patriotic Covers in my pocket and the morning of the sale I hopped in my car and went down there."

"Looked over the few eating places and picked out one with a middle aged man running it. While I ate I asked him about the sale. Coming off at 2 o'clock, and he sure did feel sorry for those old fellows. Nobody would buy the old truck they had, and the poor old geezers were all het up over the sale and expecting to get enough to put up a commemorative tablet in the little park. Said they couldn't afford to rent their room any longer, and the Legion had offered a

room in their place for them to meet in.

"Said he had talked to a lot of people and nobody was going to the sale, so come 2 o'clock I ambled over to their place over a store and climbed the stairs and went in. There sat the three old warriors, and darned if they weren't all in full uniform, in spite of the heat. They made me welcome and said the sale would start in a few minutes, as soon as the crowd come, and here was a list of the things to look at."

"It was kinder pitiful. There was somebody's gun, and somebody's revolver, a snare drum that had been through 3 years of the war, a couple of Rebel flags, and so on. I figured maybe I could get \$50 for the stuff, not any more."

"Every time they would hear a step on the sidewalk all three of the old chaps would brace up and look excited, and when the steps went by they would settle down again. After a little while they quit assuring each other that the crowd would be there in just a few minutes now, and they seemed to sort of wither away in those uniforms."

"Pretty soon I couldn't stand it any longer, so I told 'em I was there to buy the whole collection just as it stood, figuring to myself that I'd load it all in the car and throw at least half of it away after I got a good many miles away, so they'd never know it. But I told them I understood they wanted to put up a G. A. R. tablet and that the stuff they had wouldn't pay for it, and then I got down to business."

I began to talk of the value of Civil War stamps and at once they lost interest. Then I pulled out those Patriotics and right away interest revived. They looked 'em over and grinned at some of the fool pictures, and were reminded of this and that and had a good time for a few min-

utes. There was one with a motto praising Lincoln, and one of them read it out loud and wagged his head in approval, and then he said 'He sure was a great man. He come to our camp once and then I got some envelopes with his picture on and used 'em on my letters home.'

"Those Lincoln covers are worth \$50 or more each, you fellows know, so I walked over and buttonholed him to get his attention and asked him if those letters were still around, for if so their tablet was certain. He stared at me out of his weak old eyes and said he wasn't sure; they HAD been, for his mother kept 'em, but he hadn't seen 'em now for years. And were they really worth anything?"

"I talked to him like a Dutch Uncle, and all of a sudden he turned to one of the other fellers, all excited, and said 'Hey, Corporal, how about those letters of yours you read to us a year or two ago? You still got 'em, haven't you? By cracky, I think I can find mine. And how about you, Zeb? You got anything left?'"

"The second old feller thought his letters were up in a trunk in the barn, but poor Zeb said he didn't have a cussed thing left, only a few Rebel stamps he had sent home from a captured town and his Ma had put in

the old family Bible to keep, but of course they were no good! Keep your horns on, you boys. They were not any good; not much, that is.

"Well, we started out to dig for those letters and out on the street we run into a young feller that proved to be the news gatherer for the local paper, and he stopped the boys and asked kinder pityingly if the sale was over. Before they could answer I hopped in and told him it was not over yet, but for him to come back to the Hall about 5 and wait for us, and there might be some big news for him, and off we went, leaving him with his eyes sticking out.

"We stopped at Zeb's place first and he went in the old shaded parlor and come out with the family Bible and fished out quite a nice block of the local print 5c blue Confederates. Some of them were creased badly, but they made a good block and were worth a few dollars, to Zeb's surprise.

"Then we went on to the Corporal's home. There I made 'em take off their coats and I shed mine, and with him hollering directions I went up in the barn and hauled down that old trunk and we went through it. The letters were there, sure enough. Most of 'em were just the common 3s, but two had strips of 1s with nice town cancellations, and down in the bunch were four "Prisoner's Letters," fine as could be. They wanted to sit in the shade and gab about those and the time the Corporal had in prison, but I hustled 'em over to the last house.

"There we had the dickens of a time. He had remembered the letters were in a shoe box, but I was about ready to give up when he found the box back on a pantry shelf. Mice or bugs had done a little nibbling on some of 'em, but by grand good luck we got down to those Lincoln covers and they were in fine shape, all but a couple that had been opened at the left hand end and spoiled.

"I got six right nice copies. Paulson will show them to you when you go down there, but I'll show you one when I get through. That fellow was a good letter writer. There were nearly 50 of his letters in the box, besides a lot of others to the family, and quite a few pretty fair stamps.

"I figured all the stuff up while they sat around and fanned them-

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selfes; and then I asked them what they expected to pay for their tablet. They said they had figured it at about \$250, but, of course, they had given up the idea now. And when I wrote 'em a check for \$450 and handed it over they nearly collapsed. They had some gabfest!

"I cut 'em short by reminding them of the newspaper boy waiting for them and they hustled into their coats again and set off with their chins up. On the way I asked 'em to let me talk to the feller, and made 'em promise not to tell anyone just what it was that brought in the money. When we got to the Hall the feller was waiting. I give him a little talk saying how these fine old patriots were trying to leave a memorial to their home town, and what a pity it was that the people had not recognized the fact and supported the sale.

"Besides, I said, there were some very valuable relics in what they had, that I had bought the entire lot for \$450 and was mighty happy over my bargain, and so on and so on.

"He rushed off to his office with the news, but he must have told some people on the way, for when I got to loading the stuff in my car there was a lot of fellers standing about looking glum and pulling their whiskers!

"Here is that cover for you to look at. As I said before, Lincoln was a great man."

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USE OF U. S. STAMPS IN PHILIPPINES

It has come to attention that the notice appearing in the January 28 issue of the Postal Bulletin, and on page 15 of the February, 1932, Supplement to the Postal Guide with respect to the acceptance in the Philippine Islands of United States postage stamps furnished in response to notice concerning matter held for postage mailed in those islands has been construed by some persons, particularly philatelists, as authorizing the acceptance of United States postage stamps in payment of postage on any matter mailed in the Philippine Islands addressed for delivery on the mainland.

Such is not the case. The notice merely states that, under a reciprocal arrangement United States postage stamps will be accepted in payment of the deficient postage on short-paid matter mailed in the Philippine Islands for delivery in the United States when the addressee has been notified of the deficiency. This arrangement applies only to short-paid matter mailed un-

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- 10p. (?)
- 30p. carmine
- 1A. blue
- 2A. deep purple
- 3A. claret

(A. F. Turner, London, Eng.)

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC—Official Stamps.

- A104—3c. green (surcharged M.H.)
- A110—12c. blue (surcharged M.H.)
- A104—3c. green (surcharged M.I.)
- A104—30c. claret (surcharged M.I.)

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

AUSTRALIA—Official Stamps. Regular Issues of 1928-32, overprinted "O.S."

- A4—1p. green (I)
- A4—2p. red (I)
- A4—4p. olive bistre

Postage Due Stamps. Type 1909 Issue. Wmk. Mult. small crown and C. of A. Perf. 14

- D4—3p. yellow green & rose
- D4—4p. yellow green & rose

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

BARBADOS—The forthcoming issue of a 1½p. stamp may be delayed on account of the large supply of the ¼p. stamps on hand.

(A. F. Turner)

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It is stated on good authority, that a complete new issue is to appear sometime next fall, or early winter. The values will differ in several respects from those of the current set—1½p.; 2s6p.; and (possibly) 5s. denominations being introduced, while the 2s. and 3s. stamps will be definitely dropped. There will be two designs, one a scene of the sugar cane industry, and the other, an interior view of the House of Assembly, with a portrait of the King over the Speaker's chair. (Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

CANADA—The Ottawa Conference set, heralded in these columns May 7th, will be issued July 1st (Dominion Day) and will comprise eight values, i.e., 1, 3, 5, 10, 13, 20, 50 cents, and \$1.00. Large traverse rectangular format reproducing the arms of the Provinces and duly inscribed "Imperial Conference 1932".

(A. F. Turner)

We note the latest issue of Scott's Monthly Journal, notes the inverted surcharge on the recent Air Post Provisional, so we list:

503a. Inverted Surcharge

CHINA—New postage dues. Design similar to Scott's Type D4, but without the wording "Postage Due" across the center, and devoid of any English wording what-so-ever. Perf. 14. Color is the same for all values and the denominations are: ½c., 1c., 2c., 4c., 5c., 10c., 20c., and 30c.

(Gibbons' Supplement)

The "Martyr" stamps noted in our issue of January 30th, are being printed in Peiping and have not as yet been placed on sale. So far none of the Sun Yat Sen stamps, of which set, the "Martyr" stamps will be a part, have been overprinted for use in Chinese Turkestan, Yunnan, or Kirin and Heilungkiang.

(Whitfield, King & Co.)

CONGO—A provisional 3fr25c. is to be created by surcharging the 3fr. for which there is no longer any postal use.

(Philatelic Magazine)

COOK ISLANDS—The 1 shilling of the pictorial set noted April 16th, has appeared. Portrait of King George, sheets of 80 (8x10), no wmk. perf. 14. line engraved.

1s. violet & black

(R. Roberts)

COSTA RICA—Semi-postal stamps. Regular issue of 1931, surcharged "HOSP. PUNTA RENAS LEY 13 AGOSTA 1931" and "5 (or 10) CENTIMOS". Unwmk. perf. 12½.

- A89—13c. plus 5c. carmine rose
- A89—13c. plus 10c. carmine rose

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

FRANCE—A very distinct printing of the 1fr50c. Air Mail Stamp, in bright ultramarine, has been shown us. It is a shade that seems likely to become quite scarce since we are told that the post office from which it originated, has since received new supplies in the old color, while it is unknown at the Parisian chief post office. A point of interest is that the date it bears in the margin is "12.9.30"; that of the original Exhibition issue was "16.9.30"; and of our supply of the re-issue was "19.11.30". Therefore this latest Bright ultramarine issue would seem to be the one intended for the Exhibition, but for some reason, not put on sale there.

AP1.—1.50fr. bright ultramarine

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

GERMANY—The two Officials noted April 9th. are Scott's type 016. Also we note in the latest issue of their Monthly Journal, that they have listed the cardboard 3pf. and 4pf., of which there has been so much controversy.

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2348	.40	2526	.40	2645	.06
2349	.40	2527	1.50	2650	.06
2352	.10	2529	.30	2653	.08
2367	.50	2530	.45	2665	.15
2375	.45	2531	2.00	2666	.06
2381	.85	2533	.08	2670	.15
2397	.15	2536	.30	2683	2.00
2400	.04	2537	.50	2684	.30
2408	.20	2540	.80	2687	.10
2411	.30	2544	.40	2689	.20
2417	.08	2549	.08	2690	.20
2420	.15	2551	.20	2700	.25
2426	.15	2558	.25	2720	.30
2429	.07	2564	.25	2725	.06
2436	.10	2570	.25	2738a	.50
2437	.35	2581	.06	2736	.30
2440	.30	2585	.06	2737	.30
2446	.15	2586	.08	2739	.01
2449	—	2587	.20	2741	.06
2451	.15	2588	.35	3000	2.35
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2463	.50	2595	.04	3006	.50
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HONDURAS—One inverted surcharge is noted in the latest Scott's Monthly Journal, of the Official Air Post Stamps, noted May 7th. This appears on the 15c. bistre. Whitefield, King & Co. report having seen a block of the 15c. on 1p. orange (noted in our issue of January 2nd), without horizontal perforation.

ICELAND—Additions to the re-engraved set noted April 9th:

- A8—4a. gray & red
- A8—6a. dark gray
- A8—25a. brown & green
- A8—40a. claret

Official Stamps. Type 1920 Issue. Re-engraved.

- 05—20a. yellow green & gray (Scott's Monthly Journal)

INDIA—Chamba State. British India stamp of 1926-29, overprinted "CHAMBA STATE", wmk. mult. stars. perf. 14.

- A59—1½a. carmine rose
- A57—2a.6p. buff

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

Cochin State. The death of the Rajah of Cochin occurred on March 25th, according to word from the Bombay Philatelic Company, the same has never appeared in the English press. As a consequence a new set of stamps is about to appear.

(Philatelic Magazine)

Travancore State. Stamps of 1921-31 surcharged with new values like Nos. 18 and 19. Unwmk. Perf. 12.

- A8—1c. on 5ca. chocolate
- A8—2c. on 10ca. pink

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

IRAQ—Supplementing our notes of last week, we are advised that the 1 rupee value

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(Philatelic Magazine)

ITALY—Two new values have been added to the existing Italian air stamp series:

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- 75c. ochre (Spirit of Flight)

A combined air post and express delivery stamp of the 2.25L face value is also about to be issued.

(A. F. Turner)

LATAKIA—An additional denomination, viz., 75c. is to be supplied to this colony.

(A. F. Turner)

LEBANON—The note above also applies to this colony.

(A. F. Turner)

LIECHTENSTEIN—"Service" stamps for exclusive use upon Government communications were introduced for the first time, on April 1st. They consist of the current postage types, overprinted with a Crown surmounting the inscription "REGIERUNGS DIENSTSACHE". Work was done by the State Printing Office at Vaduz.

- 5rp. dark green (Black)
- 10rp. violet (Red)
- 20rp. red (Blue)
- 30rp. deep, ultramarine (Red)
- 35rp. dark green (Black)
- 50rp. black brown (Blue)
- 60rp. olive black (Red)
- 1.20fr. olive brown (Green)

(A. F. Turner)

MONGOLIA—"Symbols of Government". Revenue stamps surcharged "POSTAGE" and the new value, in Black, Red or Blue.

- A7—5m. on 5c. brown violet (B)
- A7—10m. on 10c. green (R)
- A7—20m. on 20c. bistre brown (B1)

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

NEJD—A change in the foreign postal rate is to result in the issue of a new stamp of 2½ garch denomination.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

NETHERLANDS—The 9 cents stamp in the current type has become obsolete and will not be reprinted.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

NEW ZEALAND—Postal Fiscal Stamps. Coat of Arms type, wmkd. single-lined N. Z. and Star close together, perf. 14.

- PF8—2sh. 6p. brown
- PF8—4sh. dull red
- PF8—7sh. 6p. olive gray

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

NICARAGUA—The latest "stunt" of the Managua Post Office is to issue the whole of the current set with an Official overprint. These stamps are in the latest colors, but none have the "1931" overprint. 10,000 of each were printed and on the 6th stamp of the 3rd row of all sheets appears an error, "OFIAIAL".

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

NIUE—Like Cooks Islands, the 1 shilling of the pictorial set, for the colony has appeared. Similar to Cook Islands, with the word "NIUE" in the value tablet and the denomination inscribed below it.

1sh. purple & black

(R. Roberts)

PALESTINE—The following color changes are on order:

- 7 mils. mauve
- 8 mils. red

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

PARAGUAY—We are informed that the color of the 8p. of the Zeppelin set listed last week is—Red.

(A. F. Turner)

ROUMANIA—Official stamps became obsolete on March 15th, when the use of this class of label was abolished.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

The following denominations of the current series have appeared on the new watermarked paper (heralded in our May 7th issue), perf. 14x13½; wmk. mult. crown; 25b. black; 50b. purple; 1L. deep violet; 2L. green; 3L. rose red; 4L. red; 6L. brown lake; 7.50L. ultra-

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marine; and 10L. blue. We also are informed of the impending introduction of a 6 lei stamp dedicated to the memory of Prince Alexander, the Good, of Moldavia, who reigned from 1401 to 1433. The printing will be limited to 500,000 copies.

(A. F. Turner)

RUSSIA—Type of 1930 issue, wmkd. Greek Border and Rosettes, perf. 12x12½.

A128—Ir. dark blue

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

The issue is impending of a series of four stamps commemorating the fifteenth anniversary of the return of Lenin from exile. Their respective vignettes will depict: (1) Lenin alighting from the train at St. Petersburg; (2) Lenin speaking in the railroad station; (3) Lenin at Smolny in 1917; and (4) Lenin at the tribune of the revolutionary committee in St. Petersburg. This set is to be followed, about the end of May, by a new general issue, showing a view of Lenin's tomb, similar to that on Scott's A65, but in reduced format. A long series of pictorial stamps, illustrating the progress of the Five Year Plan, is also on the way, in denominations ranging from 1 to 35 kopeks.

(A. F. Turner)

SAAR—A 90 centimes value has been incorporated in the regular postage series, showing a view of Saarbrücken and two new air post stamps have been issued in a design depicting the arrival of a mail plane at the airport of Saarbrücken. All three are printed by the heliogravure process.

90c. red-lake
Air Post Stamps60c. red
5fr. brown

(Whitfield, King & Co.)

SOUTHERN RHODESIA—Another value in Scott's Type A2, line engraved, printed in sheets of 240 (4 panes 60, each pane 6 rows of 10, with plain marginal gutter between, the actual size of the stamp). No wmk. perf. 11½.

1½p. brown

Also two other values. Both line engraved, pictorial, similar in shape and design to the old Victoria Falls issue (Scott's A11 of Rhodesia) but much larger. Printed in sheets of 60 (6 rows of 10). No wmk. perf. 12½.

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(Scott's Monthly Journal)

SWITZERLAND—Official Stamps. For the League of Nations. Regular issue of 1930 overprinted "SOCIETE DES NATIONS". Granite paper, wmkd. Greek Cross, perf. 11½.

A28—10c. violet (buff paper)
(Scott's Monthly Journal)

SWITZERLAND—On June 1st, three new stamps commemorating the 50th anniversary of the inauguration of the Gotthard Railway will be issued: 10c., showing a portrait of Louis Favies, builder of the Gotthard tunnel; 20c., Alfred Escher, first President of the Administration of the Gotthard Society; 30c., Emil Welti, Federal Councillor in the year of the Inauguration of the Railway.

(Whitfield, King & Co.)

SYRIA—Instructions have been received to change the colors of certain values of the current series, the 10c. lilac; the 20c. slate; the 25c. gray green; and the 1.50p. brown. The first to appear will be the 10c. in RED.

(A. F. Turner)

TANNON-TOUVA—We are informed, that in connection with the latinisation of the alphabet, a set of provisional stamps has been issued in the following denominations: 1k. on 40k.; 2k. on 50k.; 3k. on 70k.; 5k. on 8k.; 10k. on 10k.; and 15k. on 14k.

(Whitfield, King & Co.)

TURKEY—Three new values are about to make their appearance, in the latest Kemal Pasha type, viz., 7½k., 10k., and 12k.

(A. F. Turner)

Additions to semi-postals already catalogued. Scott's numbers are given for the convenience of our readers, so you will know where to place the following. The first is surcharged same as Scott's #1193 and the second has the additional surcharge same as Scott's #1197.

#1194—A19—20pa. carmine (Black)

#1198—A19—1p. bright blue (Carmine)

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

VENEZUELA—We are informed that Messrs. Waterlow & Sons are preparing a new Air Mail series for use in this country. (Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

ZANZIBAR—Two new denominations have been added to the Postage Due set chronicled March 5th, i.e., 9c. and 18c. All these Postage Due stamps are printed in sheets of ten, two vertical rows of five and in each sheet of the 3, 9, 18, 20, 21, 31, 50, and 75 cents, there is an error showing a full stop, between the "T" and "S" of "CENTS", thus "CENT.S".

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K. M. GIERHART, BALTIMORE, OHIO

Mr. Harry L. York, Jr., of Binghamton, N. Y., adds to the list of Albany, N. Y., no lines or bars type as used by Montgomery Ward & Co. They used the compound perf. stamps from the 1c to 10c inclusive except the 3, 7, 9, several of them coming in different positions. Also the 15c and 20c perf. 11 and the 2c Aeronautics, 4c Taft, 2 and 3c coils normal and a 10c 1917 issue perf. 11. These come in different height letters of 3mm and 3½mm but I believe they are all made by the same handstamp as the variation of ½mm can easily be obtained by uneven pressure when applying the handstamp.

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E. P. Verdonck of Akron, Ohio, submits an odd type from Woodmont, Conn. It is a handstamp without lines or bars, letters look slightly staggered, have serifs and are rather small, making a very neat precancel. This came on the 1c Bicentennial.

And now, dear readers, comes the sad part of the program. It seems that I have grossly misquoted Mr. A. F. Gamber's article about perforations, the editor of the column and the like that supposedly appeared in the April number of the Windy City Precancel News. I glean as much anyway from a very sizzling letter from above party. Right here I will have to admit that no doubt I have misquoted the article. Never was such an error committed but that there was not an alibi to fit it and here is mine. I have been receiving the above mentioned News quite regularly although I am not a subscriber. But some how or other I failed to get the April number and was not aware of the said article till I attended a meeting of the Columbus Philatelic Club. There at the door several members greeted me with a copy of the magazine, and amid the joshing and general uproar I tried to read the article. Now if anyone thinks that such a place is conducive to thought he has another think coming for that is no place to digest and assimilate reading matter of any kind. Therein was my error. Now then if any of my kind readers has the April number of the Windy City Precancel News I would greatly appreciate it if they would send it to me so that I may take it to the inner chamber of my study and there ponder over it unmolested so that the next time I might write more intelligently on the matter.

I have a letter at hand from Emil Jahnke of Flint, Mich., corroborating with Mr. Gamber's theory of perforations. He has some very good argument that is not refutable. But he carries his argument over into bureau prints which is getting out of the question as I in no way, manner, shape nor form meant my argument to include them. Bureau prints are a limited field and a specialty and my argument that a surplus of varieties would hurt the collecting of these would not carry far nor did I mean for it to apply here. There are at the outside 25 or 26 hundred varieties (the exact number I do not know at the present) of bureau prints while there are no doubt a hundred times as many general precancels. So you see there would be no argument here.

Mr. E. Kay of 2316 Schrage Ave., Whiting, Ind., edits a very good and up-to-date precancel column in the Western Stamp Collector. He is at the present attempting to make a check list of towns using the new Bicentennials. He has cut out quite a job for himself I am afraid because after a slow start the Bicentennials are coming forth rapidly now and it will be quite a task to keep apace with them.

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Word comes from Mr. Walter H. Wycherley of Brooklyn, N. Y., calling attention to an error in a recent number of this paper in which the credit for the recent stamp show in Brooklyn, was given wholly to the Brooklyn Stamp Club.

The Brooklyn Stamp Club is only one of the clubs in the Association and is not even the largest in the group. The Association is composed of five clubs which are: International Stamp Club, Brooklyn Stamp Club, Ridgewood Stamp Club, all of Brooklyn and the Nassau County Philatelic Society of Hempstead and Suffolk Stamp Society of Blue Point.

Mr. Wycherley states first that the show was an immense success, the attendance being between eight and nine thousand. Many exhibits were refused due to lack of space. The exhibit was held in the Auditorium of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle Building, and the newspaper gave the show much publicity.

However, the other newspapers of Brooklyn and New York were not to be outdone and came across with a large number of big articles on the show. An Exhibition with entries entirely from the juniors will be held in the Fall and should prove an even greater success.

The officers of the Association are: V. A. Norman, pres.; R. M. Osborne, vice pres.; Gustave Fabian, financial sect.; Edwin E. Elkins, treas.; Jean M. Camps, sect.; Walter H. Wycherley, publicity mgr.

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Letters of congratulation were received from Governor Roosevelt, American Stamp Dealers Association, The Collectors Club of New York and many others.

WANTS TO ORGANIZE STAMP CLUB

Mr. Charles M. Waff, Jr., a student at the University of Virginia, his address is 914 West Main Street, Charlottesville, Va., wants to hear of any collectors in the immediate vicinity who would be interested in the formation of a stamp club.

A NEW OLYMPIC COVER

Another envelope bearing a reproduction of the Olympic Games poster has appeared on the market. This new production is printed by the Olympic Cover Company of Los Angeles. Covers with this new envelope were advertised in our columns last week by Mr. Earl Mills, of Los Angeles. The design is of course the same as has been used on similar covers but the printing process seems to be the four color halftone process which makes a very beautiful and attractive reproduction of this poster. The work is well done and the faults in the design are less apparent because of the excellence of the printing job.

VISITORS AT LINN'S

Among the visitors at the office of Linn's Weekly in the past week were Miss Claire Hague, Librarian of Wilmington High School, Wilmington, Ohio, also Miss Phyllis Louisa Metzger, Chairman of the Program Committee of the Wilmington High School Stamp Club.

Miss Hague is an old Columbus resident, the street which for many years was the west boundary line of Columbus, Hague Avenue, was named after her family. Both Miss Hague and Miss Metzger are greatly interested in stamps and think much of the possibilities of the use of stamps in educational work in their school.

They would be glad to hear from other school teachers who are using stamps in their class work.

"Doc", A. W. C. Brumfield of Indianapolis was a visitor last week. He was on a hurried trip to New York and stopped long enough to have the editor take him out to lunch, but the Editor was not in and Doc had to go hungry.

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This issue was first placed on sale June 10, 1898, and their issue by the Department ceased December 31st, 1898.

The total issue consisted of 251,533,340 stamps.

Following is a list of the various denominations with quantity of each stamp issued, together with the official title of the designs and the source of the various designs.

Plate numbers assigned to the various denominations are also listed.

1c dark green 70,993,400
"Marquette on the Mississippi"
(A painting by Lamprecht)

Plate Numbers—590 []	591 []	592 []	600 []
601 []	605 []	607 []	612 []
710 []	711 []	712 []	635 []
			709 []

2c copper red 159,720,800
"Farming in the West"
(A photograph)

Plate Numbers—

597 []	*593 []	*594 []	*595 []	*596 []
616 []	608 []	610 []	611 []	615 []
623 []	619 []	620 []	621 []	622 []
628 []	624 []	625 []	626 []	627 []
633 []	629 []	630 []	631 []	632 []
642 []	638 []	639 []	640 []	641 []
647 []	643 []	644 []	645 []	646 []
652 []	648 []	649 []	650 []	651 []
657 []	652 []	653 []	654 []	655 []
662 []	657 []	658 []	659 []	660 []
667 []	662 []	663 []	664 []	665 []
672 []	667 []	668 []	669 []	670 []
677 []	672 []	673 []	674 []	675 []
*682 []	677 []	678 []	679 []	680 []
687 []	682 []	683 []	684 []	685 []
692 []	687 []	688 []	689 []	690 []
697 []	692 []	693 []	694 []	695 []
702 []	697 []	698 []	699 []	700 []
707 []	702 []	703 []	704 []	705 []
	707 []	708 []	713 []	714 []
				715 []

716 []	717 []	718 []	719 []	720 []
721 []	722 []	*723 []	724 []	725 []
726 []	727 []	728 []	729 []	*730 []
*731 []	732 []	733 []	734 []	735 []
*736 []	737 []	738 []	739 []	740 []
741 []	742 []	743 []	744 []	*745 []
*746 []	*747 []	*748 []	749 []	750 []
751 []	752 []			

*Not believed to have been used.

4c orange 4,924,500

"Indian Hunting Buffalo"

(Engraving Schoolcraft History)

Plate Numbers—599 [] 634 [] 636 []

5c dark blue 7,694,180

"Fremont on the Rocky Mountains"

(Engraving)

Plate Numbers—602 [] 614 [] 618 []

8c dark lilac 2,927,200

"Troops Guarding Train"

(Drawing by Frederick Remington)

Plate Numbers—609 [] 643 []

10c slate 4,629,760

"Hardships of Emigration"

(Painting by A. G. Heaton)

Plate Numbers—604 [] 617 [] 620 []

50c olive 530,400

"Mining Prospector"

(Drawing by Frederick Remington)

Plate Number—603 []

\$1.00 black 56,900

"Western Cattle in Storm"

(Painting by J. MacWhirter)

Plate Number—606 []

\$2.00 light brown 56,200

"Mississippi River Bridge at St. Louis"


(Photograph)

Plate Number—613 []

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EDITORIALS

HISTORIC If there were some way of holding in check this crowd that thinks a messy rubber stamp picture stamped on the face of an envelope is a necessary part of every cover that appears for some special event, then the Editor of Linn's Weekly might be converted to become a collector of a certain class of Historic Covers.

With the development of the cacheted air mail covers, there has also arisen another hobby, the collection of covers of historical events and as with air mail covers, the record of the event is usually stamped on the cover with a rubber stamp. In some very few instances this rubber stamp picture is neat and appropriate but in about 99 out of every 100 instances the job of handstamping is so poorly done that the covers are a mess and unattractive to say the least, besides in many instances being unreadable.

During the past year, there have been a number of events for which very handsome and attractive printed envelopes have been prepared. If one could get these covers through the mails without having some Chamber of Commerce or some cachet director for the Boy Scouts or other organization, get hold of them and ruin them with a lot of rubber stamp pictures, the covers would make very interesting and handsome pieces for an historical collection.

From several readers, there have come some quite attractive covers mailed from Alexandria on the occasion of the dedication of the Washington Masonic Memorial. The covers

have excellent prints of the handsome building and printed data explaining the event. The postmark and stamp are all that are necessary to complete the record, yet each of these covers is messed up with a poor impression of a rubber stamp which is a duplicate of the information in the printed picture and the covers are ruined as far as their attractiveness and beauty are concerned.

Can it not be arranged that where covers bear printed cachets, the rubber stamp slingers will lay off such covers and let us have a cover that is at least pretty, even if it must come to us without all the markings that can be crowded on to the envelope.

If this is knocking the rubber stamp industry, then we plead guilty, but we feel that there are many other collectors who will agree with our remarks.

WASHINGTON This new set of BICENTENNIALS stamps holds many possibilities for the collector who loves to specialize. It has many advantages over any other series of commemorative stamps that have been issued by the United States. The set is long enough to give it interest, the total face value is low enough to make it within the reach of all and the quantity of stamps to be issued will be large enough that everyone will have an opportunity to find much in used copies that will prove of interest.

Already several interesting and attractive varieties in the way of plate defects have made their appearance. There is the broken circle and a cracked plate in the 1/2c value, the broken lower line in the 4c value and numerous lesser defects that have been mentioned in the press.

In shades, there are already two very distinct 1 1/2c stamps, not less than three fine shades in the 2c value, a rose carmine and a fairly good lake in addition to the normal color, shades of the other values will certainly turn up before the year is out. Both the 9c and 10c already show some distinct variation in colors.

The stamps have been in use long enough now that numerous offices are precancelling them and we will soon be reading of the precancel collector who is specializing in this issue.

No series of stamps was ever featured so much on covers as is this issue and the possibilities in cancellations is therefore much greater than it would be under ordinary conditions.

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COVERS FROM THE CELEBRATION at Wooster on May 14 are at hand from William S. Sudhoff of Cleveland, R. K. Miller of Wooster and another without name. These covers bear a cachet "First Airship-Airplane Mail Service."

TWO HANDSOME COVERS FROM the Alexandria Masonic event are at hand from Louis M. Bull, Jr., of Albion, N. Y., and Wm. T. Raley of Washington. Both had handsome printed cachets and their beauty is ruined by the application of a rubber stamp. A cover bearing the rubber stamp cachet alone also comes from Santa Claus Industries of Santa Claus, Indiana, but this one bearing a plate number block of four of the 1/2c stamps came all the way here without even getting a postal cancellation.

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Pardon the lapse but news is scarce.
—C. C. W.

Si Weatherby turned in a rather unusual oddity, a horizontal strip of three Chicago 7c B11 with the entire top line missing. We can hardly say it's a plate break, most likely light inking but it is unusual to catch a buro like this.

Much indignation pro and con usually follows the issuing of each buro print catalog. Perhaps just a check list would ease matters a bit. Let's have an opinion or two on this.

The Windy City Precancel News for May turns up with a nice lot of precancel reading matter. Al Jones, Prof. Gamber, Emerson Erb, et al plus a nice buro column edited by DeCamp Carson, one of our old correspondents. Mr. Carson takes issue with the fellows who mark the back of their stamps, with reference to catalog number and price. This is a foolhardy practice where one should happen to use a hard pencil. It carries through on the face and spoils an otherwise fine copy of a stamp.

Another fine publication reaches us, numbers 1 and 2 of the Bureau Print Gazette edited by Vic Rotnem. Notes, new issue data, all buro dope. Last but not least illustrations of major plate breaks. The two issues carried 55 fine clear cuts of our pet oddities. The Gazette is a subsidiary of Postal Markings but may be subscribed for separately.

Louis Atwater is doing some fine work for the B. I. A. in the matter of buro-print varieties. Any help that you can give him, will aid in the good cause of the hobby.

P. O. DEPARTMENT TO CELEBRATE WASHINGTON BICENTENNIAL

The Postal Bulletin of May 18th announces a nation wide celebration of the birth of Washington, by the Postoffice Department, on July 26, 1932. This day has been designated as "Postoffice day" and special effort will be made to celebrate it in a fitting manner.

Some time ago Linn's Weekly predicted something out of the ordinary from the Department at Washington for this day and we anticipate an announcement of interest to collectors at an early date.

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"Post Office Day"

The Washington Bi-Centennial Commission has suggested programs for a nation-wide celebration and has designated July 26th as Post Office Day. No doubt committees and civic bodies throughout the country will stage appropriate ceremonies, in which they will emphasize the history, growth and importance of the Postal Service. Probably many of these will have special markings for ordinary and air mail sent out from their respective cities on that day.

New Stop A. M. No. 29

Notice from the Nation's Capital says that Baton Rouge, La. will become a regular stop on A. M. No. 29, on June 4th. The Department will supply an official cachet for use on all air mail dispatched on that date. The westbound plane will leave that city at 12:47 P. M. and the eastbound plane at 12:38 P. M. Your covers should go direct to the postmaster of that city.

Wooster, Ohio

The much-heralded covers from this city were surely given all kinds of treatment, and should please the collectors. Dickason says there was four bags of mail, containing 11,238 pieces of mail, and I guess this convinced him that there are still many collectors who collect un-officials and while I do not advise covering all of the events which I use in this column, and do not do so myself; still I try to give you all of the events and leave it to the collector himself as to what he wants to cover.

U.S.S. Akron Covers

You have all likely received the covers carried by this dirigible on its Coast to Coast flight, these are official, the P. O. Department having applied good cachet on front as well as good backstamp, and we are glad they removed the 150 lb. striction and actually carried 706 lbs. consisting of 41,705 pieces. This cover should satisfy all collectors and we feel that the

department is to be congratulated on the way it was carried out.

Lou Reichers Fails

The trans-Atlantic flight attempted by this aviator failed about 47 miles from Ireland, so near and yet so far, he being picked up by the Steamer Roosevelt. Don't know if he had any covers in his pocket, but if he did, they would be real souvenirs.

U. S. to Bolivia

Without advance notice the department announced that effective May 20th arrangement were made for sending U. S. Airmail for Bolivia, by our FAM to Peru, and thence by Bolivian air mails from Tacna, Peru to La Paz, Bolivia. The first flights carrying same left Cristobal May 20th and Montevideo, Uruguay, May 18th and the postage from U. S. is 55 cents per half ounce.

Coming Events

Port Albany, will be dedicated June 6-7 with cachet by Chamber of Commerce. Send covers to M. J. Pollett, Albany Airport, Albany, N. Y.

St. Petersburg, Fla., will have cachet for Washington Centennial on July 4th. Covers to Aviation Dept. Chamber of Commerce.

Portland, Oregon, Rose Festival occurs June 16-18 and they will have good cachet. Covers unsealed, to M. F. McCamley, 1168 Delaware Ave.

National Battlefield Park at Petersburg, Va. will be dedicated about June 20th. Chamber of Commerce cachet. Send covers to Petersburg Stamp Club, in care of the Chamber.

Bound Brook, N. J. will have big celebration on Washington's Old Camp ground near that city, on June 14th. Send covers to Stanley H. Apgar, 11 Maiden Lane, that city.

Post Office at Erie, Pa. will be dedicated soon. Covers to E. M. Gearhart, 225 W. 10th St.

The Harvey, Ill. High School will have an Exhibition June 3-6 and Paul G. Wible offers to handle covers. Address; 63 East 151st St.

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Los Angeles

Reports are that the Los Angeles will be decommissioned and placed out

of service at Lakehurst, on June 30th. This dirigible is now 8 years old, and this action will add another touch of interest to the covers which were carried on board this ship.

Boston-Albany Route

Herbt. W. Bogue, Box 53 W. Springfield, Mass. writes that all indications on the ground point to the early inauguration of this long-delayed Springfield-Boston-Albany route. We hope to give you definite dope in time, but if you can't wait, or live a long distance away, better send covers to him to hold for this event.

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How Archaeology Has Helped the Philatelist.—I.

By A. Dale Trendall, M. A. (N. Z.)

In 1900, Sir Arthur Evans began the excavations, which are still in progress, on the site of the Palace of Minos at Cnossus in the island of Crete. His amazing discoveries there, followed and supplemented by the work of other explorers on many other sites of the island, notably Phaestos, transformed our knowledge of the early civilisations, and it was perhaps to make its antiquities more widely known that Crete issued in 1905 this series of stamps, on which may be seen some of the more noteworthy coins of the island, and a view of the ruins of the palace, together with some of the finds made there.

The 2 lepta value illustrates a clay seal impression found beneath a shrine to the west of the central court of the palace. The design represents an armed goddess standing upon an elevation—probably a symbolic representation of the holy mountain Juktas—with attendant lions beside her, to the right a worshipper, and to the left a picture of her shrine within the palace, showing sacrificial horns. The arms suggest that the goddess might be Athena, but the lions almost certainly identify her as Rhea, who is also known to have had a grove and a sanctuary near Cnossus, and was worshipped as the Minoan Mother-goddess. It is possible that Rhea and Athena were one and the same, being worshipped under different names in Crete and Athens.

The 5 lepta and 1 drachme both show scenes from the story of Europa,

who, according to Ovid, was enticed by Jupiter, who appeared to her in the form of a white bull, to mount upon its back, and was thus carried over to Crete, where she afterwards bore him two sons. According to another legend, on reaching Crete, the bull disappeared, and the god returned to Europa in the form of an eagle. This legend is partly illustrated in the 5 lepta value, which shows Europa sitting in pensive attitude upon a tree, most probably a plane tree, awaiting the return of the god, who in another coin is shown as an eagle perching upon one of the boughs of the tree. Both the designs are taken from the coins of Gortyna, the other showing Europa upon the back of the bull. One other noteworthy feature of this stamp is the design of rosettes on the border. These form a very common motive of design in Minoan art and may be seen on their pottery, on wall frescoes, and on painted ceilings.

The design of the 20 lepta is taken from a coin of Cydonia, as the inscription (Cydon) which is just visible at the base of the coin tells, and illustrates the legend of Miletus, destined to be the founder of the greatest city in Ionia, and the she-wolf or hound which is supposed to have suckled him. The animal figure seems too slight for a wolf and more probably is meant for a hound.

On the next stamp of the series we are shown a picture of a sea-god striking downwards with a trident, and may well be the sea-god Triton, who is generally represented in this way in early art.

A coin from Cnossus showing Ariadne, the deserted wife of Theseus and daughter of Minos, surrounded by a "meander" border, forms the design of the 50 lepta value. The border is of some interest, as this meander design originated from the swastika, which itself is thought to have been a primitive representation of the revolving sun and its rays. The maze pattern too well illustrates the labyrinthine nature of the actual palace, the ruins of which are shown on the 3 dr. stamp. The border here shows the conventional spiral design of which the Minoan artists were so fond, and in the top corners may be discerned small figures of some interest. That on the right rep-

resents a warrior with his bow, and is very similar to a figure on a silver vase from Mycenae, where Minoan culture flourished; while that on the left shows a human figure wearing as a mask the head of some animal—this being a common practice at religious or magical rites.

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Whether the cancellation stamp is one supplied by the postoffice department for this occasion or whether an invention of the local postmaster is more than we know, however, it is interesting and unique in several ways. The circle at the left of the killer bars has the words "NORWALK, OHIO" in a curved line at the top, below this in four lines "MAY 14—POSTOFFICE — DEDICATION — 1932". There are three killer bars and between the center and top ones "2:30" and between the center and lower one "P. M." Beneath the circle and killer bars is the name of the postmaster "A. W. DAVIS—Postmaster" in two lines.

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At that time, the remark was made that this was the first instance in which (so far as we knew) postage stamps had been used as a subject by a painter.

Now comes a letter from Mr. Henry Rothbost of East Hempstead, Long Island, in which he describes three different paintings in which Philatelic subjects are pictured. Mr. Rothbost states that he believes that he is the first person who had oil paintings of Philatelic subjects.

These paintings were on display at the recent stamp show in Brooklyn. One is of covers, another of stamps on a sheet and the other is a painting of a sheet of North Borneo stamps which is said to look so natural that one would take it to be an original sheet of the stamps.

These paintings are now on exhibit at the Collectors Club in New York. Mr. Rothbost states that these paintings were made by his father.

NEW WASHINGTON POSTOFFICE

A clipping from the Kansas City Star states that the government has formally accepted the reconstructed Washington Homestead at Wakefield, Virginia and that on May 14, a postoffice was established at this point. The name of the new postoffice is "Washington's Birthplace, Westmoreland County, Virginia".

Existence of a Wakefield postoffice in Sussex County, Virginia, precluded giving that name to the postoffice on the Wakefield estate.

This new office was opened without the general knowledge of stamp collectors and anyone fortunate enough to have got a flock of first day covers from this new office will have some very interesting material. First day covers are May 13 date.

FRENCH PEACE STAMP

The Postal Federation of France has recently proposed a new peace stamp by way of memorial to the late Monsieur Briand, the French "Pilgrim of Peace."

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